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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UK/GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE BRITISH DCM HAS INFORMED US THAT THE THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS TO OBTAIN A CONSULAR AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR ENDED RECENTLY AND A FOURTH, AND PROBABLY FINAL ROUND, IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER.

2. DURING THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST GERMANS IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO REVIEW EVERY ARTICLE OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR ACCURACY, PRECISION AND ACCEPTABILITY TO BOTH SIDES. THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT UNRESOLVED ISSUES CONCERN THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF ESTATES, AND THE RATHER DIFFICULT MATTER FOR THE BRITISH, GIVEN SOME ASPECTS OF THEIR OWN PRACTICE, OF ACCESS TO TRIALS. THE BRITISH EXPECT HOWEVER, THAT THESE MATTERS WILL BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY IN THE NEXT ROUND AND THAT SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT WILL OCCUR SOME TIME THIS YEAR. THE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY HAS BEEN PUT TO REST BY THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED FORMULATION WITH
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THE GDR WHICH WOULD ENTAIL AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND WEST GERMANS.

3. THE BRITISH HAVE NO REGRETS THAT THESE
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE EXTENDED OVER MANY MONTHS. THE EAST
GERMANS HAVE BEEN IN A GREATER HURRY TO REACH AGREE-
MENT, BUT THE BRITISH VIEW IS THAT IT HAS BEEN WORTHWHILE
TO GO SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY, RESERVING TO THE END, BY MEANS
OF BRACKETS WITHIN THE DRAFT TEXT, RESOLUTION OF THOSE FORMUL-
ATIONS OVER WHICH THERE WAS STILL DISAGREEMENT. COOPER

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